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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Johnson House and Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Johnson Road

CITY, TOWN

Johnson

STATE

Arkansas

☒ VICINITY OFCODE
05☐ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

COUNTY
WashingtonCODE
143**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Johnson

STREET & NUMBER

Johnson Road

CITY, TOWN

Johnson

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE
Arkansas**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

STATE
Arkansas**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

__EXCELLENT

☒GOOD

__FAIR

__DETERIORATED

__RUINS

__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

__UNALTERED

☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of northwest Arkansas' most soundly constructed houses is located at Johnson. Resting on a four-foot-thick foundation of native stone, the Johnson House is of solid brick construction with 18-inch-thick exterior walls. The interior was equally well constructed and shows little, if any, deterioration after almost a century of use.

Construction of the house began about 1880 and was completed in 1882. Bricks were made and kiln fired in a field south of the house. Stonemason M. C. Todd, whose name is carved on the northwest corner of the porch, cut the sandstone used for the entry steps, porch, water table and window sills. The carpenter's name was originally carved on a porch bracket, but was lost when the porch was remodeled in the 1920's.

The Johnson House is an ell-shape structure with a one-story wing projecting from the rear of the two-story house. The one-story ell-shape porch, running along the inside of the ell, was enclosed in 1962. A two-story porch covers the center bays of the five-bay-wide west facade.

Separating the brick walls and stone foundation is a water table of cut sandstone. The solid brick walls are set in an unusual pattern with every ninth row of bricks set lengthwise. Resting on the sandstone porch are four carved limestone blocks which support the wooden porch posts. Each of the nine-foot-tall windows has a sandstone lugsill and segmental arch.

Both sections of the Johnson House have been re-roofed and are now covered with hip roofs with exposed rafters. Brick chimneys extend above the second-story roof on both the north and south elevations. Though the paired brackets have been removed the paneled frieze on the two-story section remains intact.

On the west facade, the original one-story wooden porch with deck is still in place, but in the 1920's a roof was added over the second story. The expertly carved woodwork of the porch gives a light, decorative touch to the solid brick house.

The main entry is located on the center bay of the west facade. Set in a segmental arch like the windows, the main entry has oval sidelights over half panels. The transom has a wide oval light, set horizontally, flanked by two smaller oval lights, set vertically. A similar entry opens onto the upper porch.

On the interior, the Johnson House has a central hall flanked by a single room on each floor. Extending from the northwest is the ell wing which contains the original dining room and kitchen. Except for the enclosed porch, all rooms have 12 foot ceilings. The kitchen, which measures 16 by 18 feet, is slightly larger than the other rooms, which measure 16 by 16 feet.

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Dominating the central hallway is an oval stairway which rises two-and-one-half stories. Other features of note are the molded trim around doors and windows, paneled arches between rooms and hand-carved mantle-pieces. The most beautiful feature of the house is the ceiling in the north parlor. Made of inlaid wood, this ceiling was hand stenciled. Under two coats of clear varnish, applied in 1924 and 1947, this magnificent ceiling retains its original colors of red, black, green and gold.

Just northeast of the Johnson House is the smokehouse, constructed about 1880 of second quality bricks not suitable for use in the house. Resting on a stone foundation with a rock floor, the brick walls of the smokehouse are set in the same pattern as the house. About four feet above ground a series of vertical slits were left open for ventilation. A modern garage abuts the northeast corner of the smokehouse.

Behind the Johnson House lies a small stone wellhouse constructed in 1910. This small structure is made of cut stone like that used in the foundations of the house and smokehouse. The gable roof of the wellhouse extends to cover a small porch.

North of the Johnson House is the mill pond, fed by a natural spring. The mill race, probably built in the early 19th century, runs south from the pond, then west to a point north of the mill, then turns south to guide the spring water to the mill, located southwest of the house.

The Johnson Mill was constructed 1865-67 to replace an earlier mill burned during the Civil War. The site has been continuously occupied by a mill since the 1830's, and possibly as early as 1805. The mill is still in commercial operation.

Johnson Mill is a two-and-one-half story frame structure with a gable roof. The buildings rests on a stone foundation like that of the Johnson House. Though several entries are located around the building, only the lower east entry is still in use. Fenestration is very plain and spaced irregularly around the building. On the west elevation, over the terminus of the mill race, a small shed roof was added about 1910.

On the west elevation the 38-foot overshot mill wheel was originally located. In 1898 this wheel was removed and the new power source was a fifteen-and-one-half inch James Leffel Turbine. This gave way to a ten-inch Little Giant Turbine in the 1920's. The present power source, a natural gas engine, was installed about 1940. The upper two floors

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of the mill house have always been used for grain storage, while the main floor contains the mill machinery.

Lying just to the northeast of the mill is a one story warehouse built in 1931. Like the modern garage north of the Johnson House, this intrusion does not significantly detract from the setting.

The Johnson House, Mill and outbuildings are located on a rural road just west of the Johnson community. The pastoral setting has not been greatly altered since the first mill occupied the site in the early 19th century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION
— 1400-1499	— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE
— 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER
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— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	— OTHER (SPECIFY)
		— INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Johnson House and Mill are two significant structures important for both their architecture and their history. Located in close proximity on a three-acre rural site, the house and mill illustrate a prosperous rural lifestyle found in northwest Arkansas in the late 19th century.

Construction of the Johnson House, originally owned by Jacob Q. Johnson, was completed in 1882. (Both Johnson's initials and the date are carved in stone on the front porch.) The house is built of bricks made and kiln fired in a field south of the house. The two-story house is ell-shape with a one-story wing projecting at the rear. Across the west facade a two-story wooden porch features paneled columns, arcade-like balusters and jigsaw trim. This decorative porch, segmental-arched fenestration, and paneled frieze add interest to the solidly constructed brick house. The interior retains its original spiral staircase, paneled archways and mantelpieces; however, the most impressive feature is the inlaid stenciled ceiling in the north parlor.

Two small outbuildings of early construction emphasize the rural atmosphere of the Johnson farm. Behind the house is a small wellhouse built in 1910. It is of the same type of native stone found in the foundation of the house. Just north of the house is a brick smokehouse constructed about 1880. An important part of farm life, the smokehouse was used to cure and store meats for family consumption. Most country smokehouses were quickly constructed and thus easily destroyed, but great care was taken in building the Johnson smokehouse. Though "second" quality bricks were used, they were set carefully over the stone floor. Ventilation slits encircle the building about four feet above the ground. This well-preserved smokehouse is a very important example of Arkansas farm life in the late 19th century.

Since its original construction the Johnson House has remained in the Johnson family. Jacob Q. Johnson, who had 13 children, sold the house to his brother, Benjamin F. Johnson. Later the house belong to Benjamin's son, Burtos Benjamin Johnson; it is now owned and occupied by Marion Frank Johnson, son of B. B. Johnson. Having been passed down through the family, the Johnson House has remained in excellent condition.

Of even greater historic significance than the Johnson House is the Johnson Mill, located about a quarter mile southwest of the house. This two-and-one-half story frame building has housed a continuously operating grist mill

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.75 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Bobbi Lynch, Washington County Historical Society and Dianna Kirk, Historian,

ORGANIZATION

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE

9-14-76

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Markham

TELEPHONE

501-371-1639

CITY OR TOWN

Little Rock

STATE

Arkansas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

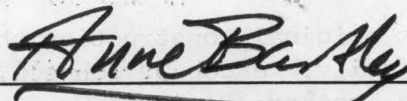
NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Anne Bartley



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 9-14-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

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since its construction in the 1860's. Food production, now a very important industry in Washington County, began early in this area with mills such as the Johnson's.

The Johnson Mill occupies a site long associated with mills. During the original land survey in 1834, the site was occupied by the Truesdale Mill and another mill. The survey notes describe "Truesdale Mill about three chains to the left - old mill to the right about 200 links,...".* If land surveyors in 1834 referred to the mill as "old," then it is probable that it was built much earlier in the century. At any rate, since 1834, and possibly long before, the site has been associated with a mill.

The first claim on the property was filed in 1838 by Mr. John Pyeatte Moore. After his death in 1850 the property passed through a number of hands. The Arkansas Products of Industry Census of 1860 list it as "Sutton's Mill," and deed records indicate that it was then owned by Isabella Sutton, widow of Senaca Sutton, who was appointed but died in 1858 before he could serve as first postmaster of the newly created Spring Mill Post Office. In 1860 Sutton's Mill was valued at \$10,000 and processed over \$40,000 worth of grain per year.

During the Civil War northwest Arkansas was the scene of a great deal of fighting. Following the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862, retreating Confederate soldiers burned the Truesdale-Sutton Mill, thus preventing the Union troops from capturing and using the mill. The site lay empty until after the war when the present mill was built.

In November, 1865, the deed was filed transferring the mill property, with improvements and appurtenances, to William, Samuel and Lucinda Mayes, and Jacob Q. and Rhettta J. Johnson. Almost two years later J. Q. Johnson registered as the miller of "Spring Mill;" thus, construction of the present mill probably took about two years, being completed in 1867. Since that time the mill has remained in continuous operation. In 1880 the Mayes' sold their portion of the property to the Johnson's, and the ownership of the mill has since then coincided with that of the house.

Originally the mill had a 38-foot overshot water wheel attached at the west elevation. The wheel was powered by spring water channeled through a mill race. In 1898 a turbine replaced the overshot wheel, and the big wheel was removed. About 1940 the present owner began using a natural gas-powered engine to operate the mill machinery.

The Johnson House and Mill are an important part of northwest Arkansas' history. Exemplifying 19th century architectural styles, farm life and rural commerce, the Johnson farm is a most significant historic site.

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Property Johnson House and Mill

State Arkansas

Working Number 10.18.76.4307

Washington Co.

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TECHNICAL

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Maps 1

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4 IDENTIFICATION

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Johnson House, viewed from west

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Johnson Mill, viewed from west, note Johnson House in left
background

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c. 1906 photo

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Johnson House & Mill

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Washington Co.

Arkansas

west facade of house

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c. 1906; house viewed from the west

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^{mill}
Johnson House + ~~well house~~

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Washington Co.
Arkansas

viewed from the east

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house - rear elevation, viewed from the east

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Mill

Johnson House + ~~well house~~ 12.12.76

Washington Co., Arkansas

viewed from the north

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house and well house - viewed from the north

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Washington Co.

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Arkansas
interior ^{stenciled} ceiling, north parlor

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house - stenciled ceiling, north parlor

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Washington Co.

Arkansas

smoke house

viewed from the southeast

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smokehouse - viewed from the southeast

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House &
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Mill viewed from the southeast

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mill - viewed from the southeast

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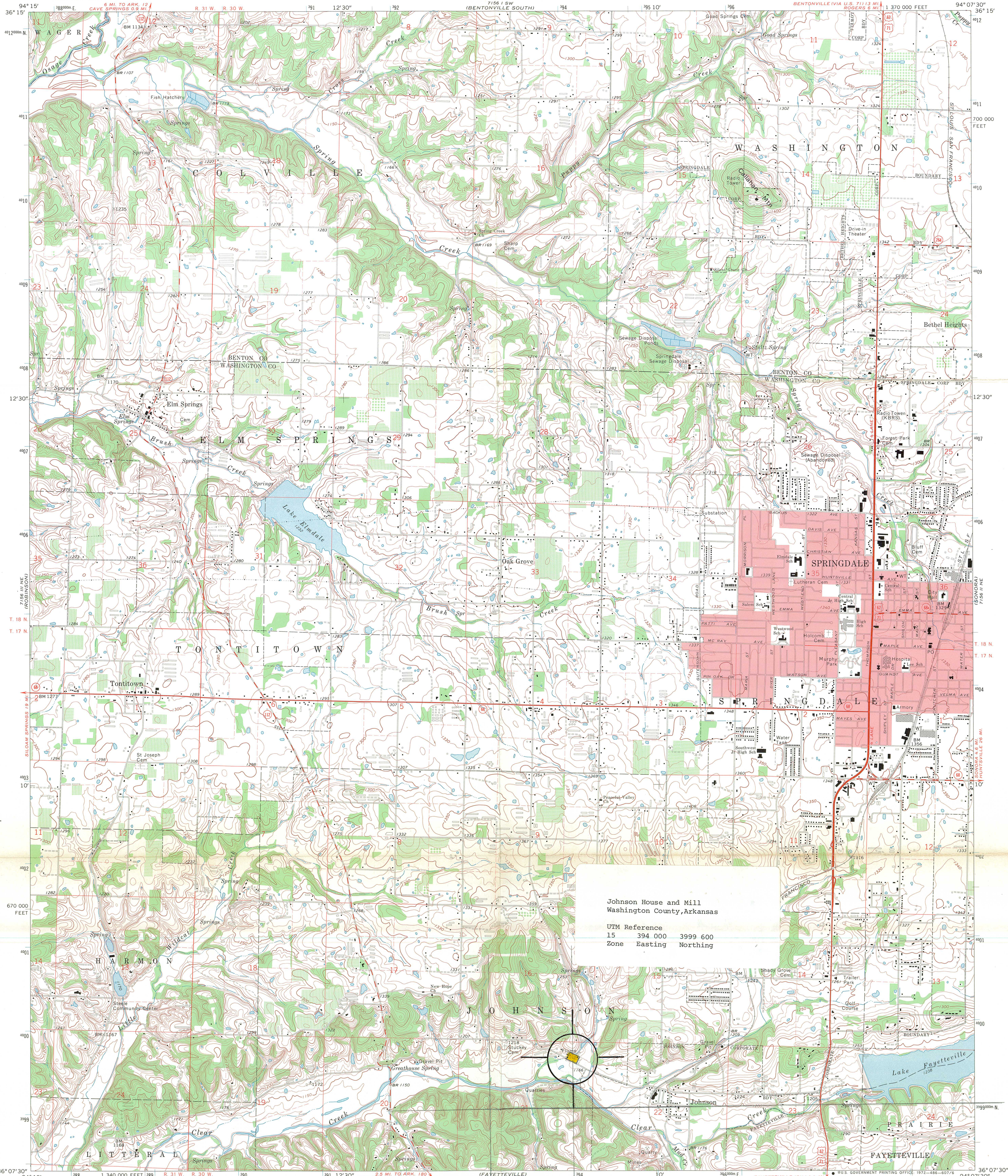
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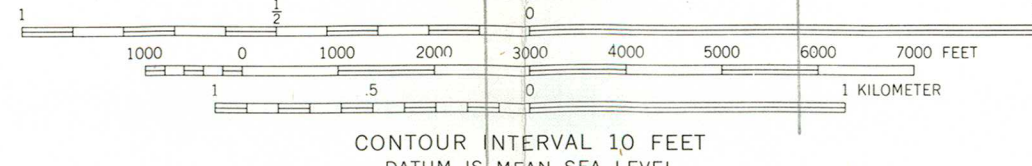
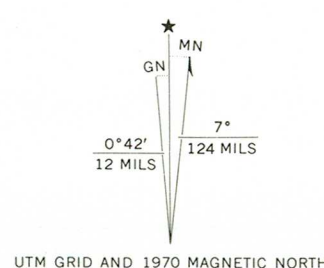
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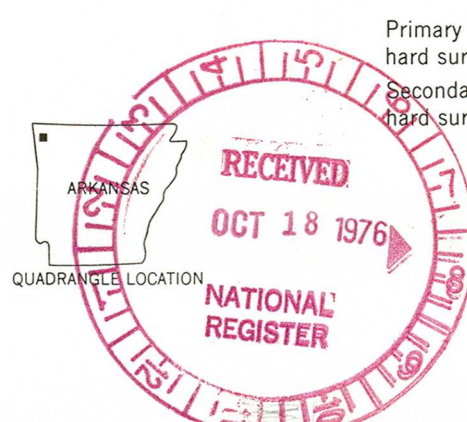
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

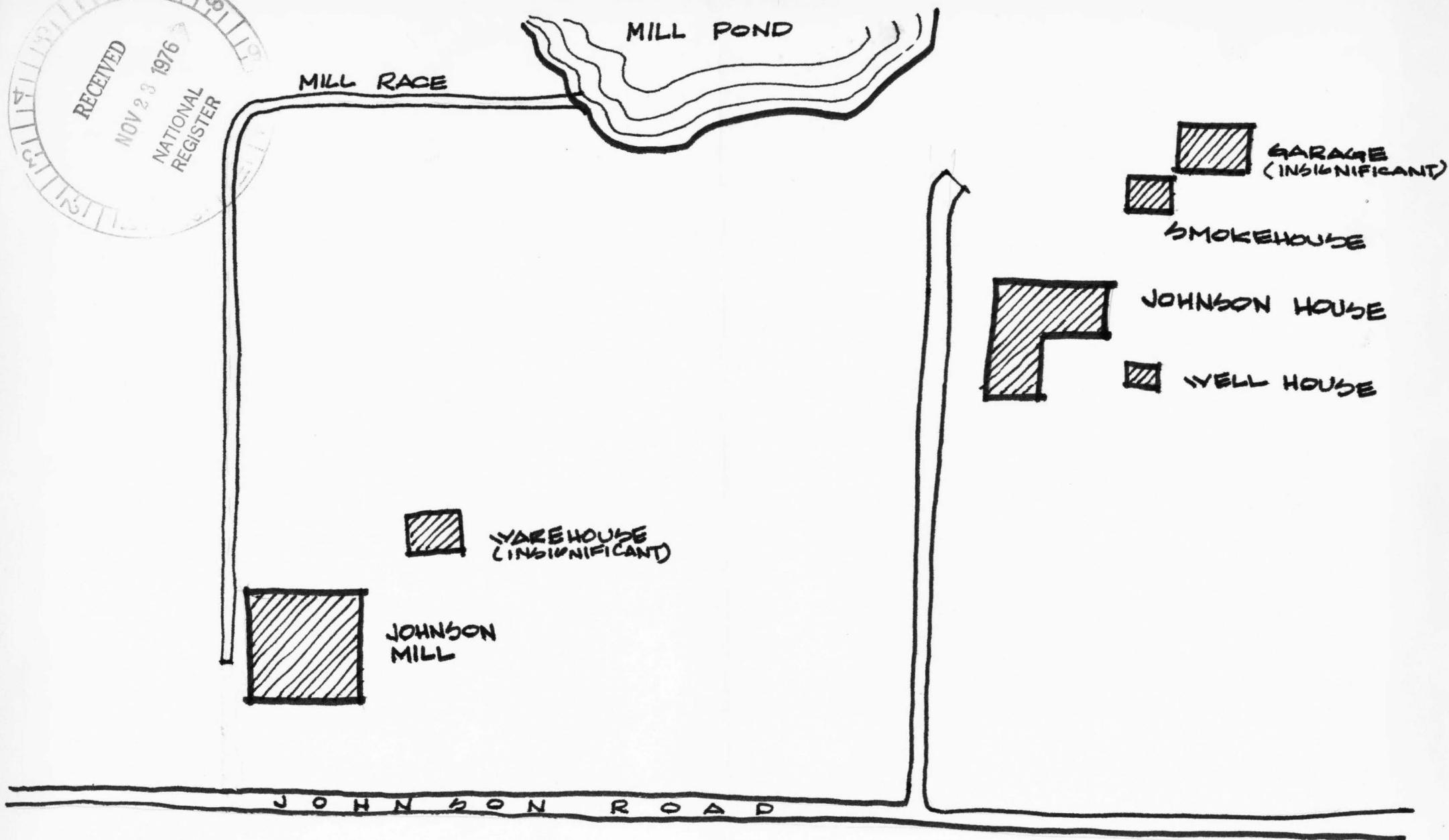
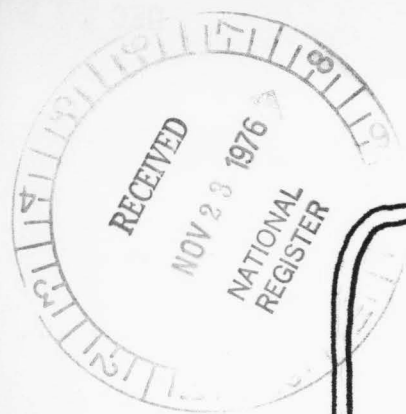


THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80226, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route
State Route

SPRINGDALE, ARK.
N3607.5-W9407.5/7.5
1970
AMS 7156 II NW-SERIES V884



DEC 12 1976

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered DEC 12 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bradley County Courthouse and Clerk's Office	Warren Bradley County
Hotchkiss House	Monticello Drew County
MacMillan-Dilley House	Pine Bluff Jefferson County
Roth-Rosenzweig House	Pine Bluff Jefferson County
Calhoun County Courthouse	Hampton Calhoun County
Dean House	Texarkana Miller County
Combs, Nathan, House	Washington County
Boone County Jail	Harrison Boone County
Johnson House and Mill	Johnson Washington County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Ray Thornton
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director, Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program
Suite 500, Continental Building
Markham and Main Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/9/76
 Reviewer INITIALS: B6
 NR DOE DEC 12 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Johnson House and Mill

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER W of Johnson on Johnson Rd.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3rd

STATE Arkansas 05

VICINITY OF Johnson

COUNTY code
 Washington 143

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- house, outbuildings, mill

now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE -3

ARCHITECTURE -4

ART

COMMERCE -6

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LAW/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment

health

recreation

settlement

socio/cultural

urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

✓ 1882 (house), 1865-67 (mill), 1910 (well-house)
smokehouse

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): c. 1830 - present

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

2.8

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

HOUSE: BRICK, 2-story, ^{IES, h-shaped} ~~h-shaped~~, ~~hipped~~ ^{hipped} roof, front center entrance
~~Roof Porch, APPENDICES~~ with side lights and wide transom, 2-story
MILL: FRAME, 1 1/2-story, GABLE, ~~RECTANGULAR~~ ^{shed} entrance porch
with decorative supports and balustrades, segmental-arched window; small stone
~~well house~~ well house, 1910; 2 1/2-story frame mill with mill pond,
1865-7, still in use. Complex of structures illustrating

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

a prosperous late-19th C. local rural lifestyle;
NW Arkansas

The Johnson House and its outbuildings represent a prosperous rural life style found in NW Arkansas in the late 19th C.; the mill stands on the site of previous mills dating back at least to the 1830's, and represents the early ^{mill} food production industry which contributed to the growth of food production as one of the county's major industries.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

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found on river banks on the left side of the mill stands on the side of previous river
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February 3, 1981

Ms. Beth Grosvenor
National Register Section
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
440 G Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20243

Re: National Register Listed Property
Johnson House and Mill
Johnson, Arkansas - Washington County

Dear Beth:

Pursuant to our conversation Wednesday morning, January 28, enclosed is a continuation sheet to amend the National Register nomination of the above-referenced property in accordance with updated information supplied to us by the Arkansas Archeological Survey. Also enclosed for your information is a copy of the pertinent topographic map. As I mentioned in our conversation, please note that the amendment refers only to the distance between the house and the mill; no change in the total acreage of the listed property is involved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ethel Goodstein
Architectural Historian
Survey and Registration Coordinator

EG/sl

Enclosures

cc: Carolyn Cox
Assistant Survey Register
Arkansas Archeological Survey
Coordinating Office
University of Arkansas Museum
Fayetteville, AR 72701

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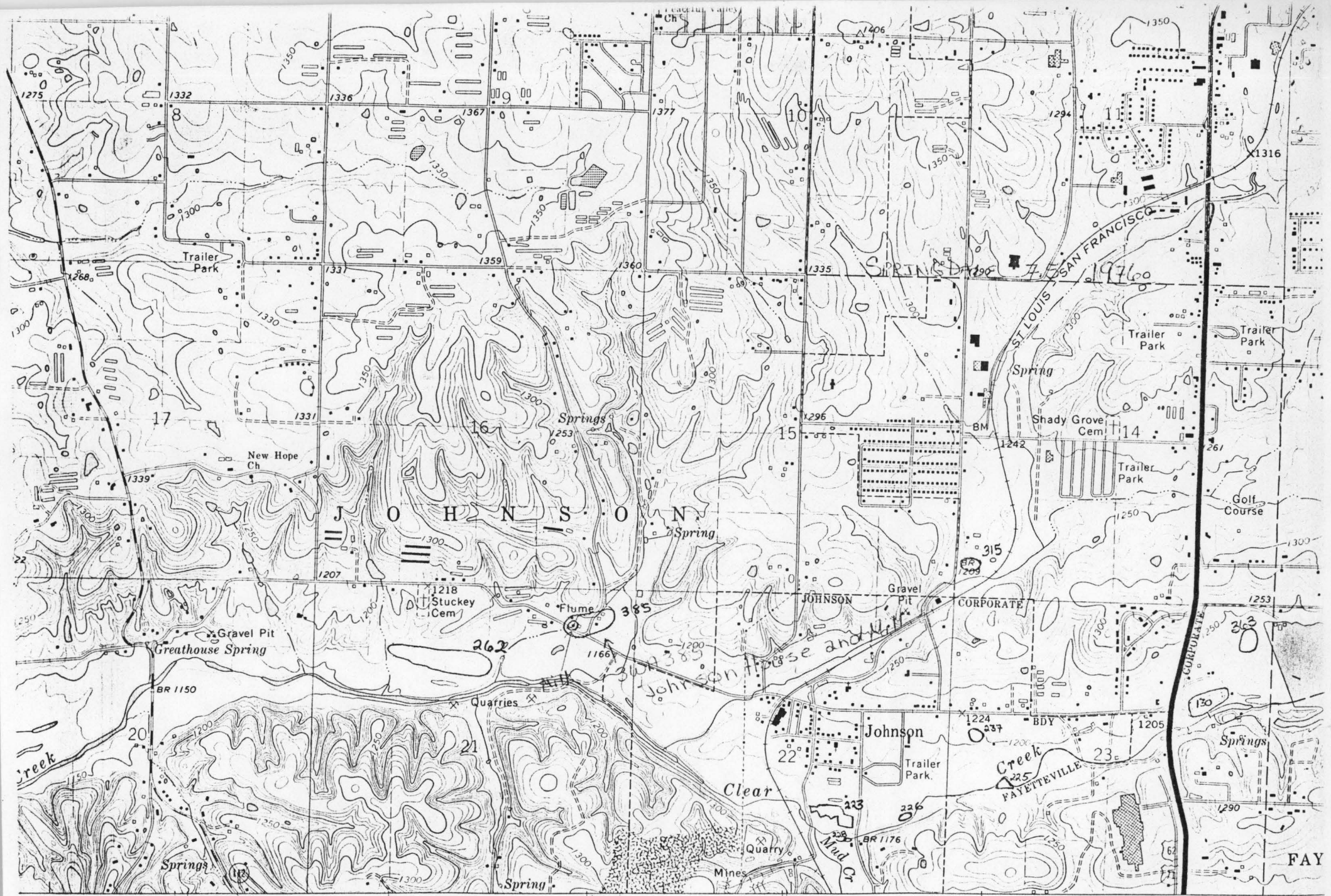
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Johnson House and Mill
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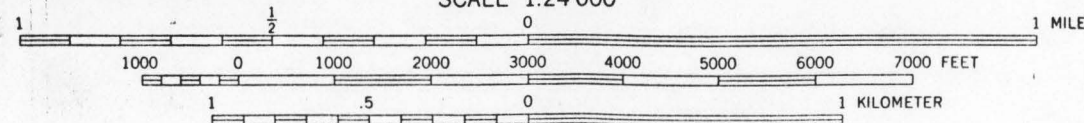
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Further study of pertinent topographic maps indicates that the Johnson House and Johnson Mill are located only 120 meters apart.



12'30" 2.5 MI. TO ARK. 180
FAYETTEVILLE (CH) 6 MI.

(FAYETTEVILLE)
7156 II SW
SCALE 1:24 000



396000m E. FAYETTEVILLE (CH) 4.4 MI
FORT SMITH (VIA U.S. 71) 65 MI.

ROAD CLASS
Primary highway, all weather,
hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather

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